

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
April 15, 2014

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: H. Dan Stalbaum, Gerrit H. DeVries, Rein O. Bontreger, Stephen R. Jordan, Ronald Sipkema, John Price and Andrew Andree. Also present was the Jasper County Deputy Auditor, Donya Jordan. Mr. Bontreger called the meeting to order and Mr. Andree led those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Stalbaum made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Andree seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/COUNTY GENERAL/CIRCUIT COURT/PERSONAL SERVICES/CASA DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR; SUPPLIES/CASA OFFICE SUPPLIES; OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/ CASA CONTINUING EDUCATION/CASA RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION; CAPITAL OUTLAYS/CASA EQUIPMENT: This was an additional appropriation request that has been tabled every month since the January meeting. Judge Potter asked that this be tabled again until the May 20th meeting. He had provided the council with a packet of information about the CASA program and wanted the council to have time to study the data before making an informed decision. Mr. Jordan made a motion to table **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-04A** as requested. Mr. Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/JASPER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY/OPERATING FUND/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE: The Jasper County Airport Authority requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$51,000.00 for interim improvements to the fuel farm while waiting for the funding from the Federal Aviation Authority which will replace the existing farm. The improvements that are to enhance the safety and performance of the existing fuel farm amounts to \$38,038.00 and the outside electrical update estimate is \$12,962.00. These updates should hopefully last until the funding for the new fuel farm is available. Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-04B** with Mr. Sipkema seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS:

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT/COURTHOUSE,BUILDING/GROUND REPAIRS TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: Auditor Grow requested \$28,100.00 be transferred from Other Services and Charges (Courthouse, Building and Ground Repair line) to Capital Outlays (Weight and Measures Vehicle line). Mr. DeVries questioned the purchase of the pickup from an out of county dealership. Commissioners Walstra explained this was done through the bidding process. Mr. Sipkema made the motion to approve this transfer. Mr. Jordan seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY GENERAL/VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER DEPARTMENT/CAPITAL OUTLAYS-FURNITURE AND FIXTURES TO SUPPLIES: Pat Donnelly, the Veteran's Service Officer requested \$200.00 be transfers from the Capital Outlays-Furniture and Fixture line to the Supply line in his budget. Councilman DeVries made the motion to approve this transfer with Mr. Price seconding this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

AIRSHOW UPDATE: Brad Cozza gave an update on the air show. Newton County hosted a meeting at their government center in the a.m. Several committees were set up. The Newton County Sheriff is responsible for organizing the security for this event. There will be several meetings to come.

VIOLATIONS BUREAU: Attorney Monfort is still working on gathering information in order to create a violations bureau.

2015 BUDGET SCHEDULE: Deputy Auditor Jordan passed out the tentative 2015 budget schedule. The dates are Tuesday, August 19th starting at 7:30 P.M., Monday, August 25th starting at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 26th starting at 8:30 A.M., Friday, August 29th starting at 8:15 A.M. if needed, Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 P.M. and Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 P.M. Council members need to let Kim or Donya know if any changes need to be made to this schedule.

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EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE: Brian Overstreet, the newly appointed County Extension Director gave an update to the council on replacing Sharon Blasky who retired as CED on April 11, 2014. The position has been posted by Purdue for about a month and there have been several candidates apply for the opening. He is hoping to have someone hired before this year's county fair. The plan also includes the hiring a part time person to work this summer with 4-H camp, mini 4-H, workshops and to help with other duties. Brian then shared with the council all of the things his department has been and is working on at this time.

YOUTH CENTER CHECKING BALANCE: Attorney Monfort explained that there is a checking account at Lafayette Bank and Trust with a balance of \$6,031.26. This money is leftover from the funding the county provided to the youth center prior to Gibault's takeover. He felt this money belongs to the county. Mr. Price made the motion to approve Attorney Monfort going to the bank and closing out the account since he was the treasurer at that time. Mr. Andree seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. He is to bring the check to the auditor's office to be receipted into the county general fund and deposited into the county's checking account.

JASPER COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION: JCEDO Director Kevin Kelly gave an update on the Jasper County Tourism Commission. The contracts with the JCTC and SSTVC and JCEDO are in place. He explained the JCTC is working with the several county festival committees to provide entertainment for the festivals to attract more people to attend these events.

BUSINESS GROWTH OF JASPER COUNTY: Kevin Kelly also updated the council on the new construction going on in the county. At the State Highway 114 (west corridor), the Dollar General Store is being built, along with a new business for MacAllister Machinery by the Tractor Supply Store and construction has started on the new Taco Bell building out next to Family Express by the interstate. Councilman Andree asked about activity in the other parts of the county. Kevin spoke of the expansion of the seed corn plant in Remington. Sealy has started a new production line making bed frames which will provide between fifteen to thirty jobs. Genuine Machine Designs in Rensselaer has expanded but he is not aware of anything else at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. DeVries seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Rein O. Bontreger, President

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County